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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte Presentation*

In the Matter of Developing an Unified Compensation Regime CC Docket No. 01-92 and Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers WC Docket No. 07-135

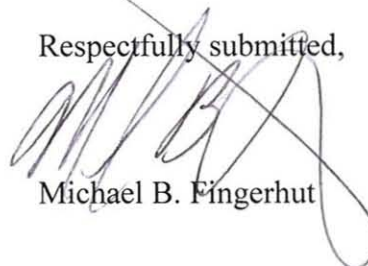
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 22, 2012, Charles McKee, Vice President in Sprint's Government Affairs Group, Rick Ratliff, Manager Access Strategy in Sprint's Network Group and the undersigned, a senior counsel in Sprint's Government Affairs Group met with Rebekah Goodheart, William Dever, Travis Littman and Joan Ann Collins, all of the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau. Sprint had requested the meeting to seek clarification of Declaratory Ruling DA 12-154 issued February 6, 2012 by the Wireline Competition Bureau in the above-referenced proceedings.

Specifically, Sprint sought clarification on what the Bureau meant by its newly established standard "that a carrier knows or *should have known* that calls not completing to certain [rural] areas, that engages in acts (or omissions) that allow or effectively allow these conditions to persist, may be liable for a violation of section 201 of the Act." *Declaratory Ruling* at ¶ 11 (emphasis added). In this regard, Sprint questioned whether the FCC was setting or intended to set new call quality standards. If so and given the fact that there are usually more than one carrier involved in completing a call including both the originating and terminating carriers, Sprint asked where each carrier's responsibility for such call quality begins and ends.

Please contact me if you would like more information.

Respectfully submitted,



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